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Weekly Events

CULTURAL DIVERSITY PARTY

April 6 & 7, Great Hall
The Admissions Office will hold a "Celebrate Cultural Diversity Weekend" program this weekend. Students are invited to a party Friday night in the Great Hall, from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For more information, contact Rita Thompson, assistant dean of admissions at x2000.

MULTICULTURAL FAIR

April 7, Ball Circle & Campus Walk
The 17th annual Multicultural Fair will take place rain or shine Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy free food, entertainment, and an opportunity to buy crafts from all over the world. For more info visit: umw.edu/multicultural/fair/default.php

"PIETY AND POLITICS" LECTURE

April 10
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"DANCING AT LUGH- NASHA"

April 5-15, Klein Theatre, duPont Hall
"In a small Irish town in 1936, the routine existence of five unwed sisters is forever altered by their first wireless radio, the return of their elderly brother, and the arrival of an unexpected visitor." Tickets are \$4 with a UMW ID. For more information call the box office at x1124.

HONDURAS BENEFIT SALE

Students Helping Honduras is seeking items to sell at their "Shop 'Til You Drop!" program. If you have any items that you can donate or want more info, e-mail Sree Chellappan at schel0hy@umw.edu.

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like an upcoming event printed in The Bullet, email us at newscrew@gmail.com.

Weekend Weather

Friday

Partly Cloudy
High: 55
Low: 30

Saturday

Partly Cloudy
High: 48
Low: 29

Sunday

Mostly Sunny
High: 56
Low: 34



Elizabeth Nowrouz /Bullet

Juniors Jeff Zeders and Lauren Trice lounge on a few of the most recent additions to Ball Circle. The lawn chairs, which are gathered around the edges of the Circle, were delivered Wednesday and attracted students even on the overcast April day.

Frawley Nixes Climate Initiative

By KATY BURNELL
Assistant News Editor

Although no official statement is forthcoming, President William Frawley has gone on record declining to sign a nationwide commitment aimed at tackling global warming, one college campus at a time.

The University of Mary Washington will not be joining the 158 schools that have already signed on to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The latest signatory, Sweet Briar College, was the sixth Virginia school to endorse the commitment.

The commitment's online mission statement bills it as a "high-visibility effort to address global warming by garnering institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions." College and university presidents are also charged with seeking to "re-stabilize" the climate by generating suitable research and education programs.

Frawley said that he agrees with the commitment's intent to achieve climate neutrality, but he isn't confident that UMW could follow through with its requirements.

"I'd love to be able to do it, but I can't," Frawley said. "We just don't have the resources."

Anthony Cortese, president of the non-profit environmental group, Second Nature, and a co-organizer of the commitment said that there is no practical reason why a school like UMW should be unable to sign the commitment.

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UMW's Lynn Looks Left On Got Seoul

By BRITTANY DEVRIES
Assistant News Editor

In his recently published book, "Piety and Politics: The Right Wing Assault on Religious Freedom," Reverend Barry W. Lynn once again devotes himself to purging America's religious liberties of government intervention.

On April 10, Lynn, executive director of Americans United For the Separation of Church and State, will bring his devotion and platform to the University of Mary Washington campus.

In Lynn's opinion, religiously affiliated government, like the religious rights advocates, have more political intention than spiritual. "People on religious rights want to control your life," Lynn said. "That is a danger to critical thinking."

Lynn's new book, concerned with defending the American people's religious freedoms as developed in the First Amendment, looks at issues like faith-based initiatives, religion in public education, gay rights, abortion and church electioneering.

In a phone interview, Lynn ex-

plained what motivated him to write his new book.

"It was meant to explain the value of separation of church and state to people, including those who are deeply religious," Lynn said. "[It supports the idea] to keep distance between the institutions of government and the institutions of religion."

Prior to the past 15 years spent working with Americans United, Lynn served as legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties

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By SARAH FINNEY
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington will welcome a group of 14 Korean students from the Sungshin Women's University in Seoul, Korea, to be enrolled starting in the Fall 2007 academic year.

Speaking Center Director Esther Yook is in charge of the communication and details between Sungshin Women's University and UMW. The exchange program is planned to increase to 20 students for the 2008-2009 school year.

According to Yook, the program is intended to increase diversity at the University.

"It is a program initiated by President Frawley within his initiative to bring Mary Washington University to the forefront of global trends in education," Yook said.

The entire campus is expected to become involved with the program in order to successfully welcome the exchange students. According to Yook, the offices of Student Life, Student Affairs, International Studies, the Registrar, Admissions, Academic Services and Residence Life are all expected to be involved in the process. Several specific faculty members have also committed their time to the program.

"Department heads of English, linguistics and speech and art and art history have also cooperated with us for registration guidance, and Library Liaison Jack Bales... as well as [Associate Dean of] Ac-

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By BRYNN BOYER
Staff Writer

Freshman Charlotte McMichael was certain she would have no problem getting housing for next year. The best lottery number in her suite was 1135, much better, she thought, than the highest possible number, 1674. However, on housing selection night, she and the three girls she had planned on living with next year were told that they were on the priority list.

"We were on edge the whole time," McMichael said. "After two hours of waiting, we had a feeling that we wouldn't get housed but it was still disappointing."

Currently 172 students are on the priority list. These students all turned in housing contracts on time and are therefore guaranteed housing.

The priority list is different than the waiting list, which mostly consists of students who turned in contracts after the deadline and

off-campus students trying to move back. Students on the waiting list are not guaranteed housing.

According to Residence Life Di-

rector Chris Porter, every year the number of students on the priority list fluctuates.

"One-hundred and seventy two is the median for what we experience,"

Porter said. 101 students were on the list in 2006 and in 2005, over 200 students did not get placed during housing se-



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lection. However, the number of housing contracts has gone up from 1,626 last

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NEWS SHORTS

WORLD

TEHRAN, Iran: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has pardoned the 15 British military personnel from any crimes and has promised to free them. An Iranian diplomat told the Associated Press that the detainees would be handed over to the British Embassy in Tehran, but did not say when.

KIGALI, Rwanda: Paul Rusesabagina, the man upon whom the movie "Hotel Rwanda" was based, has been criticized for profiting from the country's dark past.



Rwandan President Paul Kagame has called the film a "falsehood," and that Rusesabagina was not the hero the movie made

him out to be.

HAVANA, Cuba: Cuban leader Fidel Castro has published two newspaper columns denouncing using food sources for biofuels. He stated that the Bush administration's support of these practices will leave the poor of the world hungry. Castro has not made a public appearance since stepping down as president eight months ago due to illness.

—world shorts: cnn.com

NATION

FORT IRWIN, Calif.: President Bush acknowledged that Americans are weary of the Iraq war but defended his choice to send more troops to the country. He made this speech to a group of soldiers receiving cross-cultural training before they are shipped out. Speaking of those who opposed the decision, Bush said "we can not allow honest differences in Washington" to harm the troops.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.: Three students from Yale University have been charged in the burning of an American flag. The students were charged with arson, reckless endangerment and other crimes. Yale University said that student discipline matters are confidential.

BENTONVILLE, Ark.: A technician fired from Wal-Mart said that he had been part of a surveillance program that spied on company employees. Wal-

WAL-MART

Mart maintains that it fired the man and his supervisor for recording phone calls. His claims even go so far as to suggest involvement from a former CIA and FBI official.

—nation shorts: washingtonpost.com

WEIRD

CLENDENIN, W.Va.: Several young boys have created a health hazard in their town by stealing four lbs. of mercury and carrying it around town. The boys took it from an unlocked dentist's office. They have shown high levels of exposure but are not sick, and about 200 residents are going to be screened for exposure.

HOLTSVILLE, N.Y.: A group of eighth graders fed their class a batch of doughnuts laced with laxatives. There were no injuries, but ambulances were dispatched as a precaution. The school district has said it will handle disciplining the students.

PASADENA, Md.: A woman who is seven-months pregnant has been accused of selling sex on Craigslist.com, with her husband acting as her pimp. An undercover officer responded to the ad and went to the woman's house, where he was greeted by the husband, who knew the man was there to have sex with his wife.

—weird shorts: AP



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Editor In Chief



March 21—At 8:13 a.m., police received a report that someone was trying to put out a cigarette in the card reader of Mercer Hall. There was no other damage and the readers are still functional. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

March 21—At 8:21 p.m., an officer observed a 20-year-old male resident of Randolph Hall and a 19-year-old male resident of Randolph Hall on the roof of Pollard Hall. The students were referred to administration.

March 21—At 9 p.m., police received a call from residence life to assist in a drug search of a residence hall room. Police assisted while residence life staff performed a drug search and found marijuana. Police referred a 19-year-old male resident of Willard Hall to the administration.

March 25—At 7:46 a.m., police discovered a window broken on the ground floor of Trinkle Hall. The window was to a computer lab, but police ascertained that there was no theft. There are

no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

March 29—At 5:14 p.m., police received a report from a female resident of the apartments that the driver's side window of her car was broken. Police discovered the window was broken by a rock thrown by lawn-mowing equipment.

March 31—At 10:05 p.m., police received a report of a dumpster fire at the south end of Russell Hall. When police arrived, the dumpster was engulfed in flames and police called the Fredericksburg Fire Department to put out the fire.

March 24—At 1:15 p.m. an 18-year-old female resident of Mason Hall reported to police that someone had stolen her purple bike with white flowers, valued at \$100. Police recovered the bike later in the day.

March 24—At 4:20 p.m., an officer on foot patrol saw a banner that read "bong hits for Jesus" hanging from George Washington Hall. Police discov-

ered that someone broke a lock in order to gain entrance to the roof. Police removed the banner. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

March 27—At 3:32 p.m., police received a report that someone stole a computer, valued at \$1,500, from Trinkle Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

March 29—At 1:42 a.m., an officer on foot patrol saw three males walking and talking loudly. He approached the group after seeing one male stumble. Police arrested, Bryant C. Robins, a 19-year-old student for being drunk in public.

March 27—At 1:39 a.m., an officer on foot patrol saw a group of students near Jepson Hall and saw one student attempting to climb the outside of the building. Police issued Zachary Hare, a 22-year-old male resident of Fredericksburg, a trespass warning.

Green Plan Gets Red Light

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"If you take a look at the list, the overwhelming majority of schools are public schools," Cortese said. "Many of them are community colleges, which have far fewer resources than a school [like Mary Washington]."

The potential burden on Virginia taxpayers was among Frawley's contentions, which also included the possible fallout the school would incur if he could not hold up to his end of the bargain.

According to Cortese, Frawley's concerns are unfounded.

"It's a false dichotomy to suggest that it would be a burden on state taxpayers..." Cortese said. "The real burden on state tax payers is what would happen if we didn't do something to address climate change."

Mike Bass, of the environmental science department, an expert on environmental management and member of a related State Advisory Committee, said that he could understand why President Frawley might not sign the commitment.

Bass commiserated with Frawley's predicament while reviewing the specifics of the two-page proposal.

"There's nothing here that I don't like, but that's putting the school in a tenuous situation," Bass said. "We're constrained by a particular budget, so it's difficult to make a commitment without knowing where the final support is coming from."

Even though Bass appreciated the difficulties associated with signing the commitment, he said that UMW should strive to set a positive example for the surrounding community.

Bass noted that Virginia's state government is not a leader in providing financial support for going green.

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"The state government is not a leader in conservation," Hurley said. "They're leaders in issuing executive orders to limit energy consumption."

Hurley and Frawley first learned about the climate commitment in an e-mail from Professor Ernie Ackermann, chair of the Computer Science department. Ackermann said that forwarded them an article from the Feb. 16 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* online, but he never received a reply.

"I never heard back from them. I remember President Frawley mentioning something about conservation about a month ago at a Faculty Senate meeting," Ackermann said. "But it had nothing to do with the commitment."

In response to President Frawley's concern about burdening Virginia taxpayers Ackermann played devil's advocate.

"By analogy, we shouldn't ask the state general assembly for anything," Ackermann said.

Ackermann continued, saying that "if you were being cynical you could say that it's like Bush's decision not to sign on to the Kyoto Protocol because the agreement was too binding."

Professors Bass, Ackermann and the president of UMW's Ecology Club, sophomore Hilary Lufkin, credited the University with making an institutional commitment to conservation beyond the climate commitment.

Lufkin cited the University's partnership with NORESCO, an energy service company dedicated to promoting efficiency as a testament to UMW's environmental awareness.

According to Rick Hurley, UMW has worked with NORESCO for two years, changing out light bulbs,

faucets, and toilets to energy-efficient models, and improving monitoring of the residence halls' consumption habits.

Hurley said he is looking forward to continuing work with NORESCO next year, when the school will become the first in Virginia and the third in the nation to enroll in a program targeted at improving students' consumption habits to promote conservation.

Lufkin said that although she was "very excited" to be working with the school and NORESCO representative Scott Finlason on next year's project, she was disappointed that Frawley chose not to extend his support to the climate commitment.

"We should be challenging ourselves as a University," Lufkin said. "With all of President Frawley's talk about us becoming a lead-

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—Hilary Lufkin

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The geography major was also discouraged to learn that the University of Virginia recently declined to sign the commitment.

"Man, fight the power. If all the college and university presidents in Virginia signed on and really wanted this they could make it happen," Lufkin said. "What's the worst outcome? If you try and it works, great, and if you try and you lose—you lose. But at least you can say you gave it a shot."

U.Va. earned a "D" this year for its commitment to conservation on *The College Sustainability Report Card*, published in January by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, an organization dedicated to the research and management of higher-education endowments.

U.Va. was in good company as one

of 20 schools receiving the lowest awarded grade. The only other Virginia schools on the list, Washington & Lee University and the University of Richmond each earned a "C."

The Green report card evaluated 100 leading public and private institutions across seven main categories related to a school's administrative capacity, investment transparency, programs promoting climate change, energy efficiency, food and recycling efforts as well as environmentally-friendly construction projects.

The selected schools collectively possess \$258 billion—approximately 75 percent of all higher education endowment investments, according to the Sustainable Endowments Institute's Web site. The Cambridge, Mass.-based group estimates U.Va.'s endowments at \$3.6 billion.

U.Va. sophomore Dana Richards, president of the school's Students for Environmental Action group is not convinced that the school's March 21 statement declining the climate commitment was forthcoming.

"I definitely do not accept the administration's official line that the commitment is simply not practical," Richards said. "I feel like [U.Va. President John Casteen III] is basically lying when he says that."

Richards, an active conservationist who got her start doing beach clean-ups and selling re-usable hemp bags for her high school's environmental group, said that she was "offended and disgusted" by the language used in U.Va.'s official statement.

"Casteen discredits the [climate commitment's] sponsors as a bunch of 'environmental activists' with agendas 'outside of higher education' that 'earn their products by selling environmental services,'" Richards said. "None of these organizations recruited us with intentions to use us with their own ends in mind, as Casteen seems to imply...it made me furious to read this."

U.Va. President John Casteen never responded to Richards's concerns, although Amanda Banton of U.Va.'s University Relations division initially expressed interest in formulating a reply.

Campus To Welcome Koreans

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ademic Services, JoAnn Schraas have also offered to be part of the pre-semester training session for the students," Yook said.

While at UMW, the students will hold a typical five-class workload relevant to their intended major. All of the students are fluent enough in English to participate in class interactions.

Yook noted, however, that the students will likely have some issues with grammar, as well as the vastly different social situations present in the U.S.

Yook is pleased with the program's development.

"We will do all that is needed to make this program successful," Yook said. "With the level of interest and support that I have already seen, I have no doubt that we can make this happen together."

Sang Yoon, president of the Asian Student Association, expressed uncertainty about the actual success of the program at UMW since talking to some of Sungshin Women's University's professors about their previous attempts at this exchange.

"I spoke with the two professors about a month ago during their visit," Yoon said. "They said that they have

previously sent their Korean students to colleges in California. They said that those students did not get anything out of it because they just mingled with Korean students that were already there."

Yook hopes that the UMW exchange program will be different. She is planning to have regular meetings for the Sungshin students in which they would be able to openly discuss challenges they are experiencing, linguistically, academically and socially.

Students around campus have heard different information about the program, but nothing in detail.

Sophomore Elle Weaver hopes that the program will benefit the University.

"As diverse as we are trying to be, we really aren't at all," Weaver said. "Branching out is definitely good for our school; both for reputation and just learning about different cultures."

According to the University's Web site, Sungshin Women's University is made up of seven different colleges with a total of 35 majors, and five graduate students.

The University has an enrollment of about 13,000 students with 680 staff and faculty members, while UMW has about 4,000 students enrolled at its undergraduate campus.



Viewpoints

Staff Editorial

Stephanie Tait and Tierney Plumb
Editor in Chief and Associate Editor

Newt Gingrich is coming.
Suck it up.

We know that this is not the most popular decision among professors and students, but that's because so many aren't seeing the big picture.

The notoriety and name recognition that will come along with the former Speaker of the House will be immeasurable and will help to further solidify the University's place on the national map.

Understandably, Gingrich's recent admission of adultery (ironically during his involvement in the attempted impeachment of Clinton for things of the same nature) has left a bad taste in the mouths of many on campus.

However, Frawley said that the administration has been trying to get

Gingrich to agree to speak here since December 2006, way before his admittance of his extra-marital affair.

Granted, Gingrich's views are not shared by all and many think he is a sleaze, but try to see past this and you'll see a wise choice for the University.

This past year, we've had a number of high-profile speakers and Gingrich is the icing on the proverbial cake—the cake topper, if you will.

In the words of PR and advertising, you can't buy this kind of publicity.

In the past, graduation speakers have tended to elicit snores and yawns from the crowd.

At least this year there's something to keep us all awake, even if it leaves us fuming.

Congress Calls Immigration Reform A Priority

By GLORIA PEREIRA
Guest Columnist

Everyone at some point in their lives has come across the issue of immigration. Whether it be in the classroom, on the news, or right next door no one can deny that immigration is an issue pertinent to Americans today.

But what you may not know is the extent to which immigration is taking over Capitol Hill.

I'm here to give you the other side of the story; to let you know that there are people and interest groups lobbying on behalf of immigration reform.

On March 7-8 the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) played host to a National Issue Briefing and Advocacy Day.

The first day consisted of learning about important immigration bills that have tried to get passed before and are still trying to get passed today.

These bills concern all sorts of issues that af-

fect immigrants including health care, education, economic mobility, criminal justice and perhaps most importantly, comprehension immigration reform.

One such bill is the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act which seeks to help young people whose immigration status prohibits them from obtaining legal status (often through no fault of their own) therefore making it more difficult to pay for any type of higher education.

As most of us know, one of the benefits of attending an in-state college or university is the tuition we get to pay and how it is often thousands of dollars less than the price of an out-of-state school.

Unfortunately, for the young people whose legal residency has not yet been determined, they can not pay in-state tuition even if they have lived within the state for the given amount of years.

The DREAM Act seeks to make high educa-

Let's Talk About Peace

By JOE KATZ
Guest Columnist

On Feb. 25, 1994, an Israeli doctor named Baruch Goldstein entered a Muslim holy site known as the Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi. Instead of doing what he was trained to do—save lives—he proceeded to kill 29 innocent Palestinians as they worshipped. He was eventually subdued, and subsequently killed, by his surviving victims.

Unfortunately, such massacres are not uncommon in the Middle East. For instance, in 2002, a Palestinian suicide bomber made his way into a Passover dinner being held at the Park Hotel in Netanya, Israel. When Abdel-Basset Odeh detonated himself, he killed 30 Israelis and wounded 140, many of whom were Holocaust survivors.

Most Americans are saddened when they hear stories like these, but unfortunately, many of us take the fatalistic view that there is nothing we can do to stop the Israeli-Palestinian tragedy. People often ask me "why should we care about Israel and Palestine when there's nothing we can do about it?"

This is a good question, and it deserves a good answer. But first, let's be clear about the nature of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Without a doubt, it is one of the most complicated issues facing the international community—it involves politics, religion, economics and a whole bunch of other stuff.

But at the end of the day, the Arab-Israeli conflict is a humanitarian issue that has caused the deaths of thousands of innocent people, many of whom were just children who only wanted what all children want—to go to school and play with their friends, without worrying about being shot at or blown up.

The people of Israel and Palestine are trapped in a humanitarian crisis and we should care about the Israelis and the Palestinians for the same reason we care about the victims of any war or humanitarian crisis—whether it be the genocide in Darfur, the menace of AIDS in Africa or the devastating tsunamis that have struck Asia in recent years.

We care about these people because it is the right thing to do and because we can help them if we put our minds to it. Americans come out

in the thousands to attend marches, rallies, fundraisers and benefit concerts to support all manner of humanitarian efforts.

But when it comes to making peace in the Holy Land, many Americans suddenly believe they are powerless.

This is surprising, given that we actually have more power to end Middle East bloodshed than most other crises. Our government cannot negotiate with an AIDS virus, or offer economic incentives to a tsunami to encourage it not to strike and we have absolutely no influence over the Sudanese government.

We do, however, send hundreds of millions of dollars every year to both the Israelis and the Palestinians. Most people are unaware that, through the power of the purse, the U.S. has tremendous influence over both nations.

Unfortunately, we have failed to demand that our elected officials use that influence to bring an end to Israeli and Palestinian policies that continue to bring about violence and bloodshed.

If we knew more about the conflict and understood both sides, we could have an incredible impact on the Middle East. By being more informed voters, we can contact our elected officials and ask that they support peaceful policies in the Middle East, and we can vote for politicians who already support such policies.

So we don't need to go to rallies and fundraisers to make a difference in the Middle East—although don't get me wrong, those help a lot too.

Ultimately, all we need to do is take a little time to become more familiar with the issues involved in Middle East peacemaking. For students who want to learn more, there is an organization called Students for Peace in the Middle East.

Our meetings are open discussions, and anyone is invited and encouraged to attend, regardless of their views. These discussions are a great way for us to learn more about the conflict, expand our horizons, and explore other people's viewpoints.

We encourage students to join us and discuss what we can do to end the humanitarian crisis plaguing the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Joe Katz is a senior.

tion more affordable by allowing qualified immigrant students to apply for legal status.

The second day was spent visiting various Congressional offices on Capitol Hill, including Virginia's very own Senator John Warner's office.

With a few select offices, advocates who came to support immigration policies were able

to sit down with a member of the staff of that particular office before getting to voice their opinions on what is being done in terms of immigration policy and what needs to be changed.

Participating in such events as NCLR's National Advocacy day gives people a chance to

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iDanceNaked

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Features

Students Rock Out To Guitar Hero

By LAUREN JURGENSEN
Staff Writer

Want to feel like a rock star? It's easier than you might think, especially if you live next door to one of Mary Washington's Guitar Hero aficionados.

The PlayStation 2 and Xbox 360 music video game, which requires an electric guitar-shaped peripheral that players use to perform their favorite rock and roll songs, has gained popularity on campus not only as a distraction from the stress of studying, but as a hip way to socialize and compete against friends.

"I love playing the song 'Jessica,'" said Craig Condon, senior business major. "I have played it so much that my roommates won't let me play it anymore."

Condon said that he kept hearing about the video game from other people until eventually he and his three roommates decided that they had to try it for themselves. They purchased Guitar Hero II, which is the most current version of the game and a significant upgrade of the original Guitar Hero.

According to Heather Greider, a freshman history major, the new version of Guitar Hero has

better songs and a helpful practice level.

"Guitar Hero II is way better, but I am a newbie at it, so maybe my judgment of it isn't very reliable," she said.

Greider also said that the game can be almost too challenging.

"It's sort of like accidentally hitting 'hard' for a level in DDR [Dance Dance Revolution]. You start, scream in panic, and then let someone else take over," she said.

Despite the game's difficulty, both Condon and Greider see Guitar Hero as an ideal way to spend time with friends.

"After we start, it's hard to quit playing," Greider said.

Condon and his friends don't set up specific times to play and when they do play it's usually spontaneous.

"People will just come over and it will start," he said. "When we first got the game we had a party at our house and my roommates and I just sat and played while we paid no attention to the fifty

people around us."

Even alumni have gotten caught up in Guitar Hero campus craze. Bob McGeorge, a 2005 UMW graduate, travels back to campus from Washington, D.C., to play the game, although he admits he is not as good as his younger peers.

"I like playing Guitar Hero with friends when I'm back on campus because it helps me reconnect with my college experience," McGeorge said. "I don't have a lot of time to practice, so I get beaten pretty badly when I have the occasion to play against Mary Washington students."

Guitar Hero first came onto the video game scene in November of 2005, offering an alternative to the early arcade game GuitarFreaks. Unlike GuitarFreaks, which features a number of Japanese pop and rock songs, Guitar Hero songs are primarily culled from classic rock, metal and alternative musical genres.

Songs from the original version of the game include David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust," Franz Ferdinand's "Take Me Out," and Black Sabbath's "Iron Man," while Guitar Hero II contains songs ranging from My Chemical Romance's "Dead!" to Wolfmother's "Woman" and Iggy Pop and the Stooges' "Search and Destroy."

To perform the songs, the player must use the guitar peripheral to play scrolling notes by holding the corresponding fret button on the guitar's neck, while holding down the strum bar. The more accurate the player is, the more likely they are to gain access to bonus songs.

While the bonus songs featured on Guitar

Hero II for Playstation 2 are numerous, the Xbox 360 version of the game—which was released this past Tuesday—is equipped with ten extra bonus tracks, with several more songs available for download online.

Other perks of the game include its selection of the popular Gibson, Epiphone and Kramer guitar brands, such as the Gibson Les Paul and the Music Man StingRay bass, as well as its

range of venues. Players can make a virtual stop at the Vans Warped Tour or at the site of Stonehenge in England.

The worldwide popularity of Guitar Hero II has won it numerous awards, among them five of IGN.com's Best of 2006 awards: Best Music Game, Best PlayStation 2 Music Game, Best Licensed Soundtrack, Best PlayStation 2 Licensed Soundtrack, and Best PlayStation 2 Offline Multiplayer Game.

Junior English

major Meg Swecker said that in addition to these awards, the game is also great for teaching skills to young children.

"If any game is going to teach kids eye-hand coordination and aural response, it would be this game," she said. "You have to be so fast, and it really trains your ear. It's a good confidence booster, too, because you feel like a rock star."

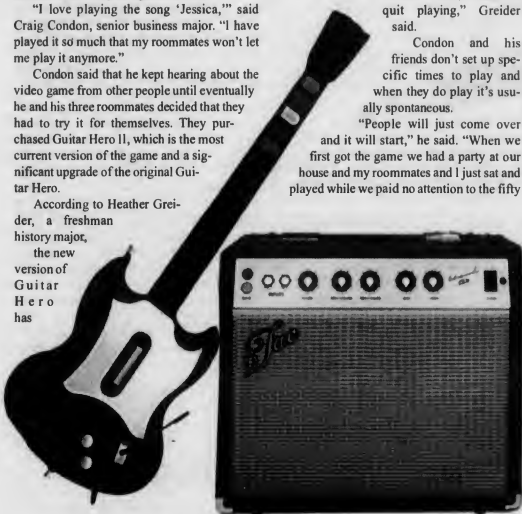
On average, the game alone costs from \$40 to \$50 and the wireless guitar peripheral is an extra \$50.

"Even though I don't have enough money to own it and play it more on my own time, I would love to buy it someday, because it's awesome," Swecker said.

"When we first got the game we had a party at our house and my roommates and I just sat and played while we paid no attention to the fifty people around us."

-Craig Condon

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Behind The Scenes: Still Part Of The Team

By KAY BOATNER
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's women's basketball team made it to the final four of their division this year, coming in third place. Senior forward Debbie Bruen was named as an All-American player by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Head coach Deena Applebury was awarded the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year title.

So what does manager Stephanie Sims think the 2006-2007 team's greatest accomplishment is?

Flanaball.

"Sarah Flanagan [a junior guard] was out for the season with a torn ACL, so we decided to create a game in her honor," said Sims, a 21-year-old junior. "It was pretty awesome."

According to Sims, the game consists of using a remote control to hit a water bottle at various other objects in a hotel room like the one the team stayed in at Springfield, Mass., for the Final Four tournament.

"Lisa Tracy got a grand slam," said Sims, a business administration major. "But we were all pretty good at it."

Inventing new games isn't the only thing Sims contributes to the UMW women's basketball team.

Sims, along with Amy Sutphin, also a 21-year-old junior, serves as a manager for the team. This is Sims' second year as a manager, and Sutphin's third. Sutphin was recently promoted to the position of student assistant.

Sutphin's cousin, Jennifer Olinger, played for the team before Sutphin started attending UMW

and informed her of the manager position.

"I had played basketball for a few years in high school and I wanted to stay involved with the sport, so when my cousin told me about the job, I knew I would have fun with it," Sutphin said.

Sutphin thinks the team has shown great improvement since her first year with them.

"The girls have had to work really hard to play like they did this year. That work really paid off, obviously," said Sutphin, an education and Spanish double major. "It's really cool that I've gotten to see them build to what they are now."

What they are now is a team with 31 wins for the season, breaking the school record for season wins. The team also made their first ever Final Four appearance.

Helping them along the way have been Sims and Sutphin. As managers, both girls are responsible for helping plan and monitor drills during practices. Sutphin also assists Coach Applebury in determining what plays will work best on the court.

At games, Sutphin is responsible for keeping the game book. "I keep track of who scores how many times, how many fouls we've had, that kind of stuff," Sutphin said.

Sims is responsible for videotaping the team's performance at



Courtesy of Kay Boatner

Juniors Stephanie Sims (left) and Amy Sutphin serve as the UMW women's basketball team managers. The girls videotape games, record statistics and traveled with the players to the division III final four.

games, both home and away.

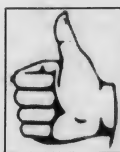
"That's really helpful, because then the girls can watch the tapes and see what they need to work on and what they did wrong," Sims said.

Videotaping the team isn't the only thing she does at the games.

"I also sing the national anthem," she said. "The team has told me that they like when I sing because it pumps them up more."

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Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



To staying up all night to watch the sun rise.



To a secret Spring Formal location.



To day drinking.



To car accidents.

The Long And Short Of It

By **TIERNEY MCAFEE**
Assistant Features Editor

When actress Mia Farrow chopped off her hair in 1966, Salvador Dali called it "mythical suicide."

Well, it's 2007, and mythical suicide is back in style, so grab your scissors, sisters!

Whether the call comes from fashion, charity, convenience or even politics, many women at UMW are ditching their long locks for short, sassy styles.

Last fall, UMW senior Julie Skarwecki opted for a do-it-yourself 'do, shearing off six inches of her own lengthy mane.

"I was pretty excited, but a little nervous about single-handedly making my hair look like it had been cut with a weed whacker," Skarwecki said.

"But after doing the deed, I loved it." Skarwecki, an English major with a love for fashion, says she followed the short tresses trend because it was flattering to her size and style.

According to Kara Jesella's article in the

New York Times, short hair has returned every few fashion seasons since the late 80s, and this season "is certainly one of them."

Junior Gwynne Mapes gave a nod to the trend earlier this month when she got nine inches chopped off to achieve a chin-length cut.

"Wearing it long was a huge pain in the butt," Mapes said. "I miss it and I knew I'd miss it, but this is so much easier and more summery."

Mapes, who had long hair for years, was nervous about making the cut.

"I actually cried a little bit during it, but I was excited too because change is cool," she said.

Karena Nichols, a stylist at Regis Salons on Plank Road, said that she has seen an increase in short hairdos over the last seven months.

A short cut is often accompanied by long side bangs, and the "flip-out look" is one of the most popular ways to wear it, she says.

"I think women like it because it's easier for them to get up and go," Nichols said. "It's cute and there's not too much they have to do with it."

Nichols said that women often bring in pictures of movie or television stars to serve as models for the stylists. Two of the stars customers most frequently bring in pictures of are Sandra Bullock, who currently sports a longer shoulder-length cut with long side bangs, and Reese Witherspoon, who recently wore her hair in a chin-length bob.

According to Tracey Lomrantz of the New York Daily News, pixie haircuts are the next big

thing for short hair-lovers. Stylist-to-the-stars Sally Hershberger said in the article that the current version of the pixie cut is "super short on the tops and sides, but is...all about the layers."

Sharon German, the manager and a stylist at the Great Clips hair salon on Carl D. Silver Parkway, says that she cut several pixie hairdos in the past week alone. But she attributes the rise in shorter cuts to a seasonal change, rather than a current fashion trend.

"When it starts getting warmer, everyone cuts their hair off," German said. "I think most of the time people do it because it's easy and convenient."

Others who make the cut boast a more noble cause

shoulder-ish."

"I went into the salon wanting a change," Volinski said. "I had long hair for a while and it was time for something new. My stylist told me that if I went a couple inches shorter than I had intended, I would be able to donate it to Locks of Love, so I went for it."

Jesella says short hair's "rogue history is part of the look's appeal" and a short 'do has "long been indicative of a liberated woman."

Freshman English major Lindsay Morgan keeps her locks short to pay tribute to the feminist movement.

"Long hair is kind of like a security blanket

for girls," Morgan said. "It's such a mark of stereotypical femininity. After all, you don't hear poems being written about the way a girl's faux hawk or meepers float in the wind."

Meepers, Morgan explains, are very short hairs styled to stick straight up on the back and crown of the head. A faux hawk is "a more

subtle version" of a mohawk in which the sides of the hair are slicked back and the middle section is gelled upward into a spike, she says.

Morgan first made the cut during her sophomore year of high school and has kept it short ever since. She said she isn't concerned with her haircuts anymore.

"I have ceased to feel emotion about it," Morgan said. "I mean, it's just hair. It's silly to get attached to or emotional over something like that. It's a bunch of dead cells collected on your head."

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—Lindsay Morgan

than fashion or weather: charity.

Regis Salons offers a 20 percent discount to customers who donate their tresses to Clip for the Cure, a program sponsored by Regis Corporation to benefit breast cancer research.

According to German, Great Clips collaborates with Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to children who suffer from medical hair loss. She says Great Clips usually sends hair from two or three customers to Locks of Love each week.

Last December, senior Suzanne Volinski donated 10 inches, the minimum length Locks of Love accepts, when she got her hair cut "above

You're Killin' Me

A Column for the Misanthropes of UMW

By **TIERNEY MCAFEE**
Assistant Features Editor

Athletes, Schmatheletes!

When a friend asked me to play beer pong last weekend, I said I had something in my eye and ran away.

Beer pong is my worst nightmare. It's gym class revisited.

Whenever my ball hits an innocent partygoer on the other side of the room instead of the white-rimmed Solo cup, I am skyrocketed back to that shame-filled day in 5th grade when the other kids crucified me for wearing patent leather Payless sneakers to a track try-out.

A slow, uncoordinated child, I never took much interest in anything ending with "ball." I was always picked last in gym class. Looking back, I don't blame them. Who wants to play basketball with someone who's never even scored a basket? Or whatever.

Aside from the sit and reach, I pretty much sucked at everything fitness-related. I was more into reading, writing and other dorky activities.

When people found out I didn't play sports, they were always like, "Well, what do you do then?" as if there is nothing else in the world to do besides run around like a Neanderthal hitting round objects.

Consequently, I decided long ago to steer clear of beer pong and all other sports-in-disguise. I've seen

people nearly bust a vein over losing a game of beer pong thanks to sub-par partners who are far better than I at the art of throwing little balls into cups.

What's the deal with these sports Nazis? They're always looking for opportunities to show off their athletic prowess: getting competitive over casual games of Frisbee; playing dirty in beach volleyball. They're at parties, flipping cups faster than you. They're in the streets, riding their bikes faster than you.

And the worst part of it is, I know they think they're cooler than I am because they made the varsity soccer team when they were a sophomore in high school.

No one cares!

Although I've finally completed my physical education requirements, I'm still haunted by the world

of athletics on a regular basis.

At the same time I was dodging the beer pong bullet, my roommates were at Old Rag Mountain, climbing rocks. They asked me if I wanted to come.

"You know I don't like doing things," I said. "Why do you want to climb rocks, anyway? That's like working for no pay."

"The view is very rewarding," was the response.

The view from the couch is even better. And I don't have to scale a mountain to get there.



Women's Managers Travel, Practice And Bond With Team

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than a tape would and it makes the entire experience feel like something everyone on the team has contributed to."

However, Sims' superstitions have prevented her from performing The Star-Spangled-Banner a couple times.

"I will not sing at games that I sang at last year if we lost to that team. I don't want to jinx anything," said Sims, who also refused to wear the same outfit this year that she wore when the team lost during the Sweet Sixteen tournament last season.

Sutphin, while not superstitious like Sims, prides herself on never forgetting a game.

"They've all been good games, but my favorite game I've ever seen the team play was last season's away one against Catholic," said Sutphin. "There were four seconds left on the clock and we were on the opposite end of the court. Coach called a time out to set up a play and we won at the buzzer. I'll never forget that."

Watching the games isn't the only thing that Sims and Sutphin love about the team.

"They're just such a great group of girls," said Sims. "They have been really great at accepting us as not just managers, but as actual team members like they are. We're part of the

group, whether we play or not."

Sutphin agrees.

"They treat us like they treat each other and we always have a great time when we're all together," she said.

The feeling is mutual.

"Whether it's filming games, taking stats, running the scoreboard or laughing with the player, our managers are a part of the team in every aspect," said Liz Hickey, a junior center

on the team. "Steph and Amy's job goes way beyond games and practices. They are constantly doing work to help Coach and the players. They deserve an enormous amount of credit for what they do."

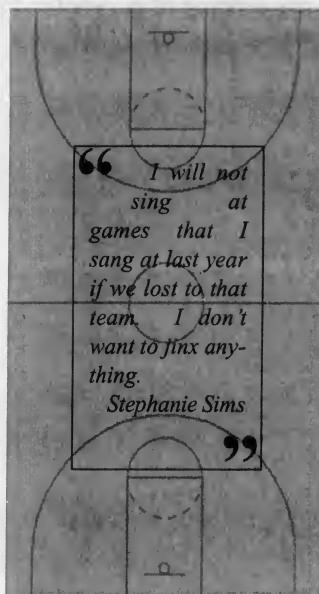
Sarah Flanagan, the inspiration behind Flanaball, has just as much fun with her managers as they do with her.

"They both play with us when we play games at

the end of practices and Amy even beat us all in knock-out one time," said Flanagan. "We all really love having them around and they're such a great addition to the team."

Despite all the success that the team had this year, Sutphin and Sims predict even better things for next season.

"We can totally match what we did this year and go even further," said Sutphin.



UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON'S ENTERTAINMENT

Ninja Turtles Return Triumphant in "TMNT"

But You Will Have To Buy Your Own Pizza

By **ANDY DRAKE**
Staff Writer

I remember when my dad took me to see the original Ninja Turtles movie way back in 1990. Actually, that's not true, I remember going to the theater then waking up an hour and a half later as the credits started to roll. It wasn't that the original movie wasn't good, it was just too far removed from the Saturday morning cartoon show for my five year old brain to handle.

Fortunately, no 5-year-olds are going to be sleeping through the new "TMNT," and I highly doubt any adults will either.

"TMNT" strikes a near perfect balance of beautiful animation, cool story and fantastic action sequences that both old and new fans of the heroes in a half shell are sure to adore.

The film opens with the team scattered in the lull after Shredder's defeat. Leonardo (the leader) is in South America attempting to get in touch with himself. Donatello (the smart one) and Michelangelo (the funny one) have taken up real jobs, leaving

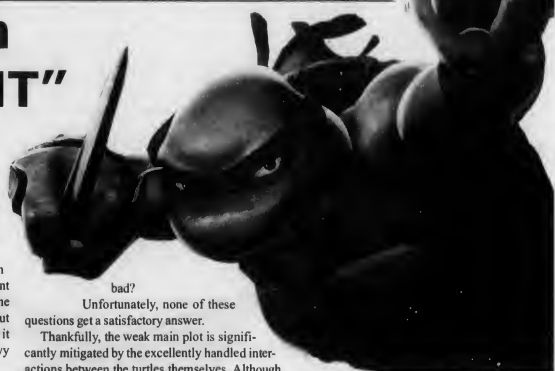
Raphael (the drama queen) to keep the streets clean on his own. Lastly, April O'Neil (Sarah Michelle Gellar) has apparently decided to take a break from news reporting in order to become a martial arts expert as well as an expert on ancient South American myths.

If the film has any real weakness, it's surely in the main plot. Four thousand years ago, an ancient king (Patrick Stewart) in the vein of Alexander the Great actually managed to achieve immortality but as the case usually is with these kinds of things, it comes with a heavy price.

His four generals are turned to stone and thirteen dangerous monsters are unleashed on the world.

In the present day, the stars are about to align and the king, along with his mysteriously reanimated stone generals and of course, the foot clan (under new leadership), are searching all over New York to re-capture the monsters.

How have these gigantic monsters gone unnoticed for four thousand years? Why did the king wait until a week before the stars align to go find them? And most importantly, why is any of this



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bad?
Unfortunately, none of these questions get a satisfactory answer.

Thankfully, the weak main plot is significantly mitigated by the excellently handled interactions between the turtles themselves. Although Mikey and Don take somewhat of a backseat role in this one, each of the turtles acts, looks and sounds just like I remember.

The main drama throughout the film comes not from the 13 monsters, but rather from Raphael's long standing resentment of Leonardo's leadership position. Although this territory has been covered plenty of times throughout the numerous movie, comic and TV versions of the turtles, "TMNT" makes it feel fresh, and their inevitable showdown on a rainy rooftop is easily the coolest part of the film.

Another thing that makes "TMNT" well worth the price of admission is it's animation. It may not reach Pixar levels of realism, but how realistic do anthropomorphic turtles, who are also ninjas, really need to be? Putting the turtles in computer animation was definitely the right way to go, as it perfectly blends the realism of the live action movies

with the high-flying stunts and action of the cartoons and comics.

Besides the weak main plot, my only complaint about the movie is that it is just a little bit too afraid of its campy roots. Old school fans of the Saturday morning cartoon will be disappointed that the turtles are apparently no longer obsessed with pizza, and Michelangelo's trademark catchphrases are nowhere to be found.

I know they were trying to go for the grittier approach of the comics, but the filmmakers would have done well to remember that the comics still revolved around a completely ridiculous concept.

Fortunately, this in no way hinders "TMNT" from being an intensely cool action movie that nearly anyone can enjoy.

Charity Event Raises Money, Lowers Beards

Bands And Art Lead Way To Huge Success

By **SARA BAHRAINI**
Staff Writer

Here's something that doesn't happen at the everyday charity fundraiser:

"I'm going to f***ing kill you after this show, blonde!" shouted the lead singer of the Gay Blades to a girl in the audience who, unlike the rest of the band's standing listeners, was sitting nonchalantly in a chair.

Performing at The Party for Charity, the Gay Blades was one of two New York bands to come down to Fredericksburg on Friday, March 30, to play at the Caroline Street venue.

Hosted by University of Mary Washington students Erik Bruner-Yang and Jane Mangione, the event featured music, art, film, food and drinks to raise money for the Thurman Brisen Homeless Shelter which serves the greater Fredericksburg area.

As the sound of music filled the streets downtown, people poured into the third floor studio to attend the party. The event sold around 250 tickets and earned over \$5,000.

The proceeds included money from sales at the art auction and pledges for the participants of a pledge-a-thon style beard-growing competition, which started a month prior to the party.

Of the 15 beard-growers, J. Brian's Tap Room executive chef Eric Ryder was the winner, raising \$600 for his beard. Contestants Tom Mangione, Charles Pinto and Jonathan Burkett also grew hefty amounts of facial fuzz.

Prizes for the winner included a dinner at Claiborne's Restaurant and a free tattoo from Jack Brown's Tattoo Revival. However, Ryder donated his free tattoo to the raffle prizes for others to compete for.

"[Ryder] had a good beard. He's a good guy," Bruner-Yang said.

The event kicked off with a performance from the first band, Boy/Girl, an NYC-based indie-rock duo while party-goers walked around, surveying the art for sale.

The exhibit and auction featured donated pieces from several UMW art students as well as local area artists. Most were contemporary, abstract pieces employing mixed media such as wire netting over wood. Many were also inexpensive because they were not framed, making them more affordable for students attending the party.

The stark, vibrant pieces of art added splashes of color to the white studio walls, as did the work of graffiti artists hired for the event who painted on the walls throughout the night.

The party took off when the Gay Blades took the stage. The duo delivered indie-rock with a hardcore twist, which benefited, no doubt, from the eccentric lead singer's on-stage thrashing and over-the-top attitude.

Perturbed by a girl who would not stand up for his show, the singer/guitarist played his guitar right next to her face during one of his solos, convinced that she would finally get out of her chair for him. She never did.

Next, the UMW Breakers arrived on the scene. UMW alum DJ Frequency, producer for Snoop Dogg, was the deejay for the night. Hip-hop music blasted through the studio as the club members took turns showing off their break-dancing moves.

Their high-energy performance prompted many others in the crowd to join in and dance. The performance was a first for the Breakers' newest member, sophomore Jeremiah Karrs. Though initially anxious, the positive energy from the crowd lured him to bust a move.

"I think the crowd enjoyed what they saw," Karrs said.

Following the Breakers' performance, Fredericksburg-based reggae group the Transmitters took the stage. Their laid-back sound was a hit with the audience.

"They were really quite good," Karrs said, claiming that the Transmitters were, "better than any local band," he had seen so far.

Sophomore reggae fan Emma Clarkson agreed.

"I love the Transmitters," Clarkson said. "They're always fantastic."

The night finally came to a close at 2 a.m. after the art from the exhibit was auctioned off and the beard-growing competition contestants were recognized. All in all, the man of the night saw his charity event as a success.

"We went through six kegs of beer and sold over 80 percent of the art," Bruner-Yang said. "The party cost \$1,500, so our final donation will be around \$3,500."

Sometimes all it takes to raise money for charity is to grow a beard and drink a beer.



Free Comedy Tonight

Rising Star Kaitlin Colombo Takes On UMW

By **LENA MOSES-SCHMITT**
Staff Writer

Kaitlin Colombo got into the stand-up comedy business when most girls her age were worrying about braces and surviving the eighth grade. She was 13, and called herself "The Lolita of Laughter."

"It was either that or another summer at the world's worst sports camp," Colombo wrote on her Web site. "[My stand-up debut] was like the first time I tasted chocolate...I was hooked!"

On Thursday, April 5, Colombo will be performing her stand-up at the University of Mary Washington for the second to last show of UMW's Spring Comedy Series.

Colombo, a celebrity correspondent for E!, is herself young enough to be a college student...she clocks in at 20 years old.

After her stand-up debut, Colombo started performing constantly at major Los Angeles clubs. A year later, she wrote a television show about what her life was like growing up with her gay father. Although it was sold to FOX, it wasn't produced. She recently rewrote it and sent it to Touchstone Pictures.

At 19, Colombo placed third in California's Funniest Female Contest and snagged a role on the short-lived MTV television show, "The Reality Show," with Andy Dick.

More recently, Colombo has appeared on "Last Comic Standing" (season 4) and currently does comedy commentary for E!, also serving as a special correspondent for their Oscar pre-show.

Colombo is currently developing a television show called "Colombo: Live!," which she described on her Web site as "'Oprah' meets 'The Daily Show,' or 'The Carol Burnett Show' on acid."

Her visit to UMW is part of her Stand Up Without Panties Tour for colleges.

"This live event is jam-packed with Stand Up, Live Music Video parodies and a few comedy shorts which I wrote and directed," Colombo said.

Central to her comedic repertoire is her ability to poke fun at the teenybopper, over-rated celebrities that are her peers, such as Lindsay Lohan, Hilary Duff and Paris Hilton.

She also created a new word, "futch"—but you'll have to attend the show to find out what it means (as well as who she considers to be one).

"My extended Stand Up set shatters society's misconceptions about my generation, which I've renamed Generation Baby on Board," Colombo wrote on her Web site.

Kaitlin Colombo

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New Guns N' Roses guitarist Robert Finck bends over backward to learn the classic parts.

Welcome Back To The Jungle

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Rock Greats Guns N' Roses Seem Finally Poised To Reconquer Rock

By WILL COPPS
Entertainment Editor

In 2002, Guns N' Roses appeared as surprise guests on MTV's VMA Music Awards with promises of a world tour and new album. The album was subsequently delayed and the tour was cancelled before it was halfway done, three days before the band was to play in Washington, D.C.

Then, silence.

But starting last year, the Internet was been awash with rumors and speculation about the release of their new album, *Chinese Democracy*. *The Bulletin* set out to make sense of the rumors.

A *Bullet* reporter can happily report that not only did a revamped Guns N' Roses lineup recently tour the United States with an incredibly low profile, they have confirmed an imminent re-

lease of the new album. You may have heard Axl announce that *Chinese Democracy* would be out on March 6, 2007, in an open letter to the public dated December 26, 2006. A few weeks ago, March 6 rolled around, and the album was not on shelves.

Fan sites were overloaded with rumors that band members were fighting or that the record company was keeping things from being released. What was true?

What happened was a demo leak. A demo of the song "Better," set to appear on the new album, was used in a Harley Davidson commercial and subsequently leaked to radio stations. Keyboardist Dizzy Reed told GunsNRoses.com that the leak was not a final mix and implied that it might affect the release of the album.

Which leaves things yet again seemingly up in the air. But there are many signs the album is still

on track as the band seems to gear up for the release.

The band recently wrapped up their first successful U.S. tour with the new lineup (after the last was cancelled by promoters Clear Channel Entertainment) and is currently overseas to regain visibility. They will play South America and Japan before returning to the U.S. on May 1.

You might ask yourself, who cares?

Most of the original lineup is gone and the band has not done anything substantial in over a decade. Most people think the band won't sound the same. However, what many people don't know is that original guitarist Izzy Stradlin has accompanied the band on recent tours, the vastly underrated Dizzy Reed is still in the band, and the voice and songwriting of Axl Rose come through as clearly as ever. The rest of the band is not only full of competent musicians, it is full of experienced play-

ers who are legendary in their own right. The band's U.S. tour showcased new songs that not only sound like they will be relevant to the current times, they sound like an evolved version of Guns N' Roses.

If you have kept your eyes open, you may have heard the leaks of the songs "There Was a Time," "Better," and "I.R.S." early last year, which were apparently the reason the album was delayed then. While *The Bulletin* can not comment on leaks of songs, the versions of these songs played at the band's live shows have integrated seamlessly into their sets and seemed more than ready to join the band's classic catalog.

When you get a chance, hop onto YouTube.com and search for Guns N' Roses. You'll find more material on the band than you can imagine.

And maybe you will be just as excited as a certain *Bullet* reporter.

Who is in the band?

Musicians old and new prove more than capable.

Vintage Gunners

Axl Rose, vocalist

Legendary frontman and competent pianist and guitarist, he is the most integral part of the classic Guns sound.

Dizzy Reed, keyboardist

He joined the band in the early 90s and has been responsible for incorporation of synth and melodic piano since. His contributions have been most notable live and on the albums "Use Your Illusion I" and II.

Izzy Stradlin, guitarist

Perhaps the most underrated member of the band, he is an outstanding rhythm guitarist and songwriter that has always been forced to linger in the shadow of Slash. He was the first member of the original GNR to voluntarily leave the band. (Original drummer Steven Adler, who has told various radio stations he has recently made peace with Axl, was kicked out of the band due to drug problems. While not technically a full member of the band currently, he joined the band on stages around the country on their last tour.

New Guns

Tommy Stinson, bassist

Founding member of influential punk band The Replacements and one of the best known bassists in rock.

Robin Finck, guitarist

Formerly a stage guitarist for Nine Inch Nails, he takes most of the lead guitar in the band.

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Former member of The Psychadelic Furs, Fortus alternates between rhythm and lead guitar.

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The acclaimed session musician is also a member of The Psychadelic Furs. He recently replaced Primus drummer Bryan Mantia.

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Top Five Reasons April Is Not All About Rain Showers

By MEGAN KELLY
Staff Writer

April does not get enough credit. Most of us are so busy waiting for summer or freaking out about exams that we just let it slip by. Well here are just a few reasons you should stop and appreciate the fourth month of the year.

1. Countdowns

Take a deep breath; you're almost there. There are only 30 days until the arrival of salvation, also known as summer; 38 days until reality, also known as graduation (good luck with that, seniors), and only 20 more days of class. We've made it this far, don't give up now.

2. The Campus Walk Model Face Plant

You know those people who actually get dressed for class? And I don't mean jeans instead of sweatpants. I mean "put together an outfit" dressed. We almost forgot about them during

their winter hibernation, but April might as well be 24-7 Fashion Week. And there's nothing better than seeing Teeter-Totter Tiffani wobble down Campus Walk in her skyscraper heels and then trip on the brick and fall. This is a fantastic pastime that anyone can enjoy...except maybe Tiffani.

3. Ball Circle Stadium

A girl walks passed Ball Circle on a beautiful April day, and, unfortunately for her, looks to her right towards Ball Circle. "Oh God, the soccer team is out. Or maybe it's Ultimate Frisbee. What's the difference? And they have no shirts on. What did I do to get so luck..." Girl promptly walks into a bench and/or trashcan.

We can try and be as coy as we want, but there's no denying that girls will do just about anything for the attention of a cute, shirtless indie kid.

4. Ball Circle Tanning Salon

As I was saying, we will do anything for some male attention, especially on this campus. This includes, but is not limited to, braving serious head or body injury due to flying soccer balls, footballs, or Frisbees to "read" on Ball Circle, or, for those with no fear, (or shame) busting out the bikini on dry land to try and get the soccer/Frisbee team to talk to us. And bonus, we can work on our tan.

And guys, don't pretend like you don't love it. You know you do. What's more, we know you love it. So please, next time your Frisbee almost decapitates some girl who looks like Jessica Simpson, help us all out and strike up a conversation, before it gets cold again.

5. April Fool's Day

Just in case Junior Ring Week wasn't enough (and it wasn't) April has a little something for us. It's a box full of funny called April Fool's Day. Not enough people appreciate this prankster's paradise.

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Correction

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Viewpoints

Sexclamations Sexercise

By Elz England, Staff Writer



The sun is finally shining and the temperatures continue to rise. You can finally start tossing out the sweat pants because the recent weather isn't one of those freak December days.

Campus is full of mini-skirts, spaghetti straps, people tanning and people jogging off that winter insulation. As the layers of clothes become lighter the reality sets in: bathing suit season is just around the corner.

Personally, I think it's a ridiculous goal to attempt to look like Heidi Klum when you put on that teeny weeny yellow polka bikini. Don't get me wrong; you shouldn't retire those running shoes, but maybe you should work out for a different reason. Sex.

You heard me: work out for a better sex life. This way you measure progress in pleasure and not pounds. Plus, you might get stronger or lose weight along the way, but it's not the ultimate goal.

The rewards from this goal may be multiple. Can you imagine a better reward than increased sexual pleasure?

What does working out for better sex entail you ask? At the very basic level, it requires nothing beyond simple exercise. Regular exercise reduces stress, increases the flow of sex hormones, gives you more energy and makes you more confident to strip down.

If you're an over-the-hill *Bullet* reader, you should know that a Harvard Study found that men who exercised regularly showed a 30 percent lower risk for erectile dysfunction.

So, grab a tennis racket and head to the courts to save some money on Viagra. Guys, it's never too early to start reducing your risk.

Ladies, a study by the University of British Columbia showed that just 20 minutes of exercise led to a significantly greater sexual response. Ultimately this leads to better sex.

For guys and girls, if you listen to the advice from all your gym teachers and stretch after you exercise, then you may increase flexibility.

This doesn't mean you'll be having sex in the pretzel position within the month, but it does mean less discomfort in certain positions.

Also, certain exercises such as the common crunch or sit-up engage your core which is always used during sex. Increasing strength in your core leads to greater stamina and vigor which leads to longer, more intense sex.

The basic way to gain more stamina in bed is more cardiovascular exercise: jogging, running, using that elliptical etc.

The stronger your heart and lungs are the more likely you are to end a sack session truly satisfied instead of feeling like you just survived the Boston Marathon.

Weight lifting is an integral part of any complete fitness program and it also helps your sex life.

Lifting increases strength, muscular endurance, and muscle burns more calories at rest. Think about working out your arms and chest which are two groups engaged during sexual activity.

Guys, it's easier to hold your weight in missionary or even (if you're really a committed gym rat) hold your girl up for an exciting position. Girls, think about using your arms (and the bedpost) for support in any girl-on-top position.

Also, work on the legs and gluteus maximus. Girls, you'll feel the benefits in girl-on-top positions.

If you surpass this level of basic fitness in bed then I encourage you to Google "Kegel exercises" to begin a new level of sexual fitness.

The bottom line: keep working out, but stop obsessing over how you look.

If you're waking up at 8 a.m. to run every morning so you look hot in order to make that kid from the Eagles Nest something more intimate, what really matters shouldn't be the inches on your waist or biceps, but how many times you orgasm when you finally get him or her to your own nest.

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

While kids are barely in preschool at age three, dogs are the equivalent age of 21.

Instead of a doggy diploma, however, some pets must succumb to a Van Wilder lifestyle as a party animal until their master graduates.

The first student-owned pet I befriended in college was Chief, a now-three-year-old pooch owned by my friend Jenni and her boyfriend.

They spontaneously adopted Chief along the shore of Myrtle Beach and instantly fell in love with the three-legged, hobbling pup. Luckily, they had all summer to train little Nemo and their strong relationship helped raise their "son."

Chief has experienced the college lifestyle (last Homecoming he was painted blue and he has a Facebook account), but he's getting ready to settle down as a mature adult with his parents.

It was freshman year that tarnished my view of student-owned pets. Three girls smuggled a homeless cat into their dorm room and spent the entire semester keeping it away from the hall RA.

I watched in horror as this cat gradually morphed into Garfield from lack of exercise in the confines of a single room.

My mom warned me of the dangers in owning a pet in college, and I trusted her judgment.

After she contracted fleas from her roommate's cat, her boyfriend drove her to the hos-

pital and never contacted her again.

But I admit there's something about a good-looking girl or guy walking an equivalently handsome animal ("101 Dalmatians" style) on campus.

The ongoing trend of acquiring attractive pets continues at UMW, and the fountain is a popular ground to strut their stuff.

When my friend from Elon University brought Dutch, a one-year-old Husky with crystal blue eyes and rugged good looks, stops and stares came from all who passed by. Dutch's beauty even let him evade punishment for swiping the top of my sandwich and mulching the entire garage later that night.

Had this dog stayed longer than a week, however, it might have cost the house a security deposit.

Fredericksburg is undoubtedly a dog friendly town, with a nearby park on Kenmore Avenue. But feasibly finding time and money to properly care for an animal on a college budget and 15-credit schedule are things to consider.

I currently reside with a terrier undergoing its terrible twos. We are working on our relationship, but waking up to it relieving itself in my room Monday morning at 8 a.m. put us back to square one this week.

My pampered dog at home in Fairfax (age 70 in people years) is attending my graduation. I hope that by then, we will both be able to co-exist with this immature pooch.



Don't Depend On Facebook

This letter was written in response to "Staff Editorial" (March 29, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

I'm sure we can all recall a situation in which you spot someone on campus walk that, perhaps, you met under blurrier conditions last Saturday night.

You're approaching each other at what seems to be too fast for your conscience to decide: do they remember me? Should I say hi?

In her contribution to the Staff Editorial section last week, Tierney Plumb urged students to make an effort to partake in those simple polite acts that your momma taught you: greeting those you know in passing, holding open doors and making sure to Facebook that funny girl who was on your flip cup team last weekend?

Plumb wrote that there is an "obligation" to friend-request, poke or write on the wall of new acquaintances, asserting that Facebook is the "new definition" of jovial acknowledgement in the newborn century.

I'm all for smiling at new people you met and holding doors, but assigning Facebook as

the crux of social courtesy?

I think we can do a bit better than that.

Sure, getting a Facebook wall message is briefly endearing, but I would feel a much greater sense of camaraderie if flip-cup-girl came up to me at the next party to commiserate last weekend's unjust defeat.

Granting your new friend a poke while you're sitting at your desk, trying to find any way to delay the inevitable start of that big paper just doesn't seem to have the same effect as choosing to smile and wave at the party acquaintance on campus walk.

Facebook is a nice way to keep up with the names and faces of new people you meet, but let's just see it for what it is—online networking.

Plumb's ultimate conclusion is the right one; whatever happened to non-cybered interpersonal communication?

Face-to-face speaks volumes over profile-to-profile.

Broaden your social graces beyond the screen, especially since no one knows what a poke means anyway.

Claire Ascetta is a junior.

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Tierney Plumb/Bulletin

Immigration Still On The Table

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express how they feel to the people who impact policy decisions the most.

These are the people who make decisions that affect the everyday lives of millions of people living in the United States and these decisions can, almost effortlessly, make living an everyday life that much easier or that much more difficult.

For this reason, advocates of immigration reform need to voice their opinions in the same direct and unified ways opponents of immigration are doing, by going directly to the source.

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ing to come here illegally to do so in the first place. Building a fence along the border between the United States and Mexico will not stop people determined enough to risk the journey.

Therefore, if there is one thing I learned from the National Issue Briefing and Advocacy Day, it is that the current system of dealing with immigration is not working and that the time has come to try something different, to try a more comprehensive method.

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Porter said that she understands the stressful situation that the priority list has placed on students.

"We know it's not a comfortable experience, but we will get everyone in," she said.

Porter's goal is to have all of the students on the priority list given a housing assignment by July 1.

"Besides Seacobeck, it is the biggest problem at our school."

—Justin Anderson

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Viewpoints

Sexclamations Sexercise

By Elz England, Staff Writer



because the recent weather isn't one of those freak December days.

Campus is full of mini-skirts, spaghetti straps, people tanning and people jogging off that winter insulation. As the layers of clothes become lighter the reality sets in: bathing suit season is just around the corner.

Personally, I think it's a ridiculous goal to attempt to look like Heidi Klum when you put on that teeny weeny yellow polka bikini. Don't get me wrong; you shouldn't retire those running shoes, but maybe you should work out for a different reason. Sex.

You heard me; work out for a better sex life. This way you measure progress in pleasure and not pounds. Plus, you might get stronger or lose weight along the way, but it's not the ultimate goal. The rewards from this goal may be multiple. Can you imagine a better reward than increased sexual pleasure?

What does working out for better sex entail you ask? At the very basic level, it requires nothing beyond simple exercise. Regular exercise reduces stress, increases the flow of sex hormones, gives you more energy and makes you more confident to strip down.

If you're an over-the-hill *Bullet* reader, you should know that a Harvard Study found that men who exercised regularly showed a 30 percent lower risk for erectile dysfunction.

So, grab a tennis racket and head to the courts to save some money on Viagra. Guys, it's never too early to start reducing your risk.

Ladies, a study by the University of British Columbia showed that just 20 minutes of exercise led to a significantly greater sexual response. Ultimately this leads to better sex.

The sun is finally shining and the temperatures continue to rise. You can finally start tossing out the sweat pants

For guys and girls, if you listen to the advice from all your gym teachers and stretch after you exercise, then you may increase flexibility.

This doesn't mean you'll be having sex in the pretzel position within the month, but it does mean less discomfort in certain positions.

Also, certain exercises such as the common crunch or sit-up engage your core which is always used during sex. Increasing strength in your core leads to greater stamina and vigor which leads to longer, more intense sex.

The basic way to gain more stamina in bed is more cardiovascular exercise: jogging, running, using that elliptical etc.

The stronger your heart and lungs are the more likely you are to end a sack session truly satisfied instead of feeling like you just survived the Boston Marathon.

Weight lifting is an integral part of any complete fitness program and it also helps your sex life.

Lifting increases strength, muscular endurance, and muscle burns more calories at rest. Think about working out your arms and chest which are two groups engaged during sexual activity.

Guys, it's easier to hold your weight in missionary or even (if you're really a committed gym rat) hold your girl up for an exciting position. Girls, think about using your arms (and the bedpost) for support in any girl-on-top position.

Also, work on the legs and gluteus maximus. Girls, you'll feel the benefits in girl-on-top positions.

If you surpass this level of basic fitness in bed then I encourage you to Google "Kegel exercises" to begin a new level of sexual fitness.

The bottom line: keep working out, but stop obsessing over how you look.

If you're waking up at 8 a.m. to run every morning so you look hot in order to make that kid from the Eagles Nest something more intimate, what really matters shouldn't be the inches on your waist or biceps, but how many times you orgasm when you finally get him or her to your own nest.

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

While kids are barely in pre-school at age three, dogs are the equivalent age of 21.

Instead of a doggy diploma, however, some pets must succumb to a Van Wilder lifestyle as a party animal until their master graduates.

The first student-owned pet I befriended in college was Chief, a now-three-year-old pooch owned by my friend Jenni and her boyfriend.

They spontaneously adopted Chief along the shore of Myrtle Beach and instantly fell in love with the three-legged, hobbling pup. Luckily, they had all summer to train little Nemo and their strong relationship helped raise their "son."

Chief has experienced the college lifestyle (last Homecoming he was painted blue and he has a Facebook account), but he's getting ready to settle down as a mature adult with his parents.

It was freshman year that tarnished my view of student-owned pets. Three girls smuggled a homeless cat into their dorm room and spent the entire semester keeping it away from the hall RA.

I watched in horror as this cat gradually morphed into Garfield from lack of exercise in the confines of a single room.

My mom warned me of the dangers in owning a pet in college, and I trusted her judgment.

After she contracted fleas from her roommate's cat, her boyfriend drove her to the hos-



pital and never contacted her again.

But I admit there's something about a good-looking girl or guy walking an equivalently handsome animal ("101 Dalmatians" style) on campus.

The ongoing trend of acquiring attractive pets continues at UMW, and the fountain is a popular ground to strut their stuff.

When my friend from Elon University brought Dutch, a one-year-old Husky with crystal blue eyes and rugged good looks, stops and stares came from all who passed by. Dutch's beauty even let him evade punishment for swiping the top of my sandwich and mulching the entire garage later that night.

Had this dog stayed longer than a week, however, it might have cost the house a security deposit.

Fredericksburg is undoubtedly a dog friendly town, with a nearby park on Kenmore Avenue. But feasibly finding time and money to properly care for an animal on a college budget and 15-credit schedule are things to consider.

I currently reside with a terrier undergoing its terrible twos. We are working on our relationship, but waking up to it relieving itself in my room Monday morning at 8 a.m. put us back to square one this week.

My pampered dog at home in Fairfax (age 70 in people years) is attending my graduation. I hope that by then, we will both be able to co-exist with this immature pooch.

Pet Expenses Per Year	Dog	Cat
Surgical Vet Visits	\$574	\$337
Food	\$241	\$185
Kennel Boarding	\$202	\$119
Routine Veterinary Care	\$211	\$179
Grooming	\$107	\$24
Vitamins	\$123	\$3
Treats	\$68	\$43
Toys	\$45	\$29
Average Yearly Cost	\$1,571	\$919

Source: American Veterinary Medical Association National Pet Owner's Survey

Don't Depend On Facebook

This letter was written in response to "Staff Editorial" (March 29, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

I'm sure we can all recall a situation in which you spot someone on campus walk that, perhaps, you met under blurrier conditions last Saturday night.

You're approaching each other at what seems to be too fast for your conscience to decide: do they remember me? Should I say hi?

In her contribution to the Staff Editorial section last week, Tierney Plumb urged students to make an effort to partake in those simple polite acts that your momma taught you: greeting those you know in passing, holding open doors and making sure to Facebook that funny girl who was on your flip-cup team last weekend?

Plumb wrote that there is an "obligation" to friend-request, poke or write on the wall of new acquaintances, asserting that Facebook is the "new definition" of jovial acknowledgement in the newborn century.

I'm all for smiling at new people you meet and holding doors, but assigning Facebook as

the crux of social courtesy?

I think we can do a bit better than that.

Sure, getting a Facebook wall message is briefly endearing, but I would feel a much greater sense of camaraderie if flip-cup-girl came up to me at the next party to commiserate last weekend's unjust defeat.

Granting your new friend a poke while you're sitting at your desk, trying to find any way to delay the inevitable start of that big paper just doesn't seem to have the same effect as choosing to smile and wave at the party acquaintance on campus walk.

Facebook is a nice way to keep up with the names and faces of new people you meet, but let's just see it for what it is—online networking.

Plumb's ultimate conclusion is the right one; whatever happened to non-cybered interpersonal communication?

Face-to-face speaks volumes over profile-to-profile.

Broaden your social graces beyond the screen, especially since no one knows what a poke means anyway.

Claire Ascetta is a junior.

Immigration Still On The Table

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express how they feel to the people who impact policy decisions the most.

These are the people who make decisions that affect the everyday lives of millions of people living in the United States and these decisions can, almost effortlessly, make living an everyday life that much easier or that much more difficult.

For this reason, advocates of immigration reform need to voice their opinions in the same direct and unified ways opponents of immigration are doing, by going directly to the source.

Immigration is not something that will disappear anytime soon. Making it a federal crime to be here illegally will not stop those who are will-

ing to come here illegally to do so in the first place. Building a fence along the border between the United States and Mexico will not stop people determined enough to risk the journey.

Therefore, if there is one thing I learned from the National Issue Briefing and Advocacy Day, it is that the current system of dealing with immigration is not working and that the time has come to try something different, to try a more comprehensive method.

For the majority of immigrants who come here illegally to do so at the risk of everything and all they are looking for is the chance to create a better life for themselves and their families.

Gloria Pereira is a sophomore.



Tierney Plumb/Bulletin

What's UP? In Campus Dining



Sunday, April 8

Holiday Brunch

Seacobeck Hall Dining Rooms
11 AM - 2 PM

Wednesday, April 11

Red Hot Chef

South Market Dining Room
California Sushi Rolls!

Friday, April 13

"Friday The 13th - Don't Worry, Get Happy"

Stress Management Information & Demonstration
Dome Room & Bistro of Seacobeck Hall
4:30 - 5:00 PM

Banana Split Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Washington Diner
4:30 - 6:30 PM

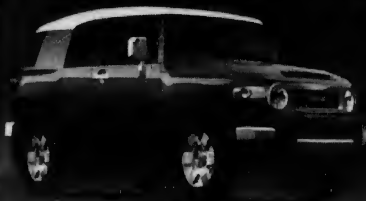
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Sports



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Kerri Spaulding slides into third base at Tuesday's game. The Eagle women gained their twentieth win this season in a split twinbill with Lynchburg College.

Eagles Swoop In, Hornets Sting

Women Split Twinbill With Lynchburg College

By MONICA OWENS
Staff Writer

Despite fierce competition and scorching heat, the University of Mary Washington women's softball team stepped onto the field Tuesday with a determination to win.

The Eagle women, who split a gripping twinbill with the Lynchburg College Hornets, played tough in their first game, boasting solid pitching and precise plays to clinch a win 1-0. Unfortunately, this fervor was lost in the nightcap, when the Eagles fell to the Hornets 4-0.

Lynchburg, who entered the twinbill ranked fifteenth in the nation, posed fierce competition to the Eagle women. However, this didn't stop the Eagles from coming out and playing hard.

In game one, sophomore pitcher Kirsten Row-

ell led the women to a 1-0 win, topping the Hornets in their twentieth win of the season.

Rowell, who allowed a mere two hits in seven innings, struck out eight of the Hornet's batters, allowing no walks in the game.

The Eagle women achieved the only run of the game in the bottom of the fourth off a pair of singles and a walk by junior Sarah Axelson, who sent fellow junior Kerri Spaulding home and solidified the Eagle's victory.

According to Rowell, hard work and a focused attitude attributed to the team's win.

"We knew Lynchburg was going to be tough, as they are rated fifteenth in the nation and have very good hitters," she said. "Despite knowing this, our coaches focused more on our team and what we needed to do to win: make solid contact

at the plate, stay aggressive, hit our spots, keep the pitches low, etc. We came out fired up and ready to go."

In game two, the Eagle women collected six hits, but were unable to score a run. Sophomore Cathy Hull boasted two hits for the team, joined by fellow teammate Kat Davis, junior Emily Peisach and freshman Kaitlin Petrella, who each tallied one.

Sophomore pitcher Sarah Foster, who allowed a mere four runs in four innings, was relieved by freshman pitcher Katherine Matusik, who ended the game with three scoreless innings.

Despite the loss, Davis remained proud of the team and credits hard work to their win.

"Today proved that we can play with and even outplay anyone, even a team that's nationally CAC doubleheader against Salisbury University.



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We knew
Lynchburg was
going to be tough.

— Kirsten Rowell

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ranked," she said. "It's a good boost for next week when we play Salisbury, our conference rivals."

Head Coach Dee Conway echoed this sentiment, and anticipates the team's success in the future.

"The games will be tough, as long as we play to our ability we should be okay," she said. "I am proud of every single one of my players. They are working hard; they all have achieved success in their own way. Individually they have done it, and collectively it has allowed us to be successful as a team."

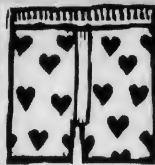
The Eagles are back in action Saturday, as they hit the road and face off in a



Courtesy Liz Schumacher

The rugby team's seniors celebrate their MARFU victory at UMW. The women defeated Georgetown 29-7 in the Mid-Atlantic Championship.

**Pressing sports matters
have your boxers in a
bunch?**



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Sports

Men Trample Mustangs, 13-4

By JONATHAN WIGGINTON
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's baseball team stepped onto the field Tuesday determined to recover from Sunday's devastating 6-0 loss to York College.

The Eagles, who boasted a 12-7-1 record with 4-2 in CAC play prior to the Villa Julie game, set out to defeat the Mustangs with one fell swoop.

According to sophomore Bryan Quintana, Villa Julie's even 8-8 record motivated the team to unite for a win.

"They were a good team, and we had to put them down as early as possible," he said.

The Eagle men did exactly that.

With beautiful weather signaling positive things to come, the men set out to give a reason for fans to cheer.

Starting pitcher Brett Diamond, who came into the game with a 3-1 record in seven pitching appearances, retired the first three Mustangs in order just minutes into the game.

In the bottom of the first, starting outfielder Riley Gorman led the Eagles with a single, later scoring off of a RBI single by junior Chase Townsend. The next batter, Chris Anderson, singled home senior Eric Fitzgerald, followed shortly thereafter by designated hitter Quintana, who smashed the delivery from Mustang's starting pitcher for an RBI double.

Following his teammates lead, senior Justin Marsh contributed to the tally with a two-run single, which scored Anderson and Quintana. Adding to his stat line, Marsh proceeded to steal second and third base before placed the Eagles at a quick 5-0 lead before the inning's end.

Innings two through four served witness to the Mustangs slow attempt at a comeback as they chipped away at the Eagle's lead, narrowing the lead 5-3. However, Eagle pinch runner Tommy

Eutaler scored on a single by Marsh, increasing the lead to 6-3.

The Eagle's fifth inning proved to be reminiscent of their first.

Senior Tom McDermott remained confident in his abilities.

"I wasn't going to strike out again," he said.

To that effect, McDermott stroked a two-run double down the left field line, which scored Anderson and Townsend, both of which had previ-

ously singled. This was just the beginning of an onslaught of runs the Eagles would plate during the inning.

Freshman catcher Nick Espinosa doubled home McDermott making the score, 9-4. With the bases loaded, senior Fitzgerald singled home two runs.

When all was said and done, the Eagles had batted around, and the score rested at 13-4.

All the while, starting pitcher Diamond pitched efficiently allowing nine hits over eight innings of being on the mound.

According to fellow pitcher freshman Jake Kelly, Diamond's performance was phenomenal.

"That's exactly what you want out of your starting pitcher," he said. "[He needs] to go deep into the game."

Diamond now has a record of 4-1 and has a 3.25 earned run average.

The last third of the game saw only one run scored by either team, a RBI single by Gorman.

Head coach Tom Sheridan was pleased with the team's performance.

"[We] had a pretty good day," he said. "There was a lot of contribution from a lot of guys."

The Eagles were scheduled to face off with Gallaudet University Wednesday, but the game was postponed.



“There was a lot of contribution from a lot of guys.”

— Tom Sheridan



Beth Wilkins/Bulletin

Senior Brett Diamond pitches the ball at Tuesday's game against Villa Julie College. The Eagle men dominated the Mustangs, winning the game 13-4.

Women Ruck Their Way To Second Win

By STEPHANIE POTTER
Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, the University of Mary Washington women's rugby team is able to boast a number one spot in the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union.

The Eagle women topped Shippensburg University 22-12 Saturday, and Georgetown University 29-7 Sunday claiming the first two-year victory for a Division II women's rugby team in MARFU history.

Senior Vice President Elizabeth Schumacher described the team's demeanor during the game.

"We knew we had to come out hard and give everything," she said. "We worked as a unit there was no one star out on the field. We all wanted to leave everything on the field and to give every piece of energy we had left."

Their hard work paid off, as the Eagle women swept the final four.

According to Schumacher, the victory put

the team in a euphoric daze.

"After the final minutes of the game it felt unreal," she said. "Everyone was so happy and couldn't stop smiling. It was one of the best feelings to know you are a number one at MARFU."

Senior Clare Sanchez was impressed with the team's progress over the season.

"The team got so much further than it was expected to," she said. "This year has been a learning experience, and I'm impressed by how much we've grown as a team."

Schumacher echoed this sentiment. "We went through a lot this past year," she said. "We had our whole scrum pack graduate except for two starters from last year. We had a lot to live up to."

Sanchez remained optimistic about the team's future seasons.

"There's been a phrase going around the team recently, and it's been: trust our teammates," she said. "Everything that each player puts into this team matters."

The Eagle women will continue to the national championships later this month.



Courtesy Mike Harrington

UMW rugby players scrum the ball during an early season pitch. The Eagle women claimed their second MARFU Championship in a row last weekend.

Upcoming Events

- March 9 - Baseball vs. Southern Virginia College, 3 p.m.
- March 10 - Men's Tennis vs. CNU, 3:30 p.m.
- vs. Hood College, 6 p.m.
- March 11 - Men's Lacrosse vs. Marymount, 4 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. Johns Hopkins, 3:30 p.m.
- vs. St. Marys College, 6 p.m.



Athlete of the Week

Erin Richardson and Jessica Van Brocklin will be advancing to the National Championship Horse Show.